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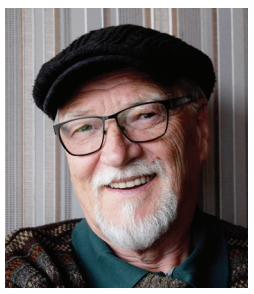

GEORGE FARRELL
On Arts

MY GELERT NEIGHBOUR Louise Weber, and her hubby Norm, own and operate, on the same property, Lou's Antique Barn and Norm's Smokehouse respectively. I frequent both businesses for art, artifacts and smoky delectables. While visiting Louise recently we got to talking about the fact that Gelert seems to be some sort of magnet for artistic people.

I was already aware that a cadre of artists and others had banded together to promote Get On Gelert, which, through social media and a pamphlet, promotes their businesses along the Gelert Road from Haliburton to the hamlet of Gelert. But it is "downtown" Gelert and surrounding area that I want to write about; the area defined by the strip of the Gelert Road that runs from South Lake Road to the Milburn Road.

The Webers have lived a long time in Gelert and Louise was able to fill me in on a bit of Gelertian artistic history. In the 1960s Louise worked as an assistant to Luba and Miela Linhart who operated the L&M Design pottery studio on the Milburn Road. The couple has since passed away but Louise showed me her collection of L&M pottery and I was intrigued. Luba's work, which contains strong graphic design elements, was much sought after from collectors, and it was retailed out of the Royal York Hotel in Toronto. Louise even managed to find an L&M piece in Texas.

My own history in Gelert goes back to the early 1980s, when the only artistic person in Gelert that I knew, besides my mom, who was a weaver, was Louise herself, who at that time was painting floral designs on old furniture and metal milk jugs.

But then I got to know Stan Russell. Stan is an excellent guitarist who has a real understanding of music. So much so that he's been able to translate that knowledge in teaching guitar to students throughout the Highlands. And I had the pleasure recently at the Homemade Stew concert of hearing Stan's son Nick and Rob Muir, another young man who lives in Gelert, perform a pair of wonderful guitar duets.

Gelert's most celebrated artist is sculptor Mary Anne Barkhouse, who produces sculptures that reflect her love of the land. This Canadian with native antecedents and roots on the West Coast has forged herself a career with national and international accolades. But perhaps her piece best known to locals is to be found in the Haliburton Sculpture Forest. It's a bronze sculpture of an Irish wolfhound called, coincidentally, Gelert. It's inspired by the Welsh legend of Gelert and Prince Llewellyn.

If you're interested in the history of the Welsh legend, and of our own hamlet of Gelert, there are several books available in the library, the latest being the excellent *A Little Piece of Paradise* by James Mitchell. In it there is a section devoted to Gelert. Mitchell lives nearby on Canning Lake.

Across the road and a few houses down from Barkhouse lives Gerda Neubacher, who is both a successful author and artist. Gerda became known for her highly realistic images produced from a woman's perspective. She has also illustrated more than 10 children's books, two of which are award winners. She might be best known in the Highlands for her 2013 art book *Portraits of Canadian Women Who Inspire*.

Right next door to Neubacher lives Edith Weber. She is the mother of Norm Weber and she and her husband are relative newcomers to the area. Originally a traditional folk and landscape artist, nowadays Weber prefers the genre of Abstract Expressionism. You can see her wildly colourful art in Louise Weber's art gallery, which is probably the most eclectic and eccentric gallery in the Highlands.

I'd be remiss if I didn't mention Sheri Hawkins, that earth mother and singer par excellence, who in my opinion sings jazz as well as anyone out there. Her farm/studio is located on the Milburn Road. Another Gelert musician is my neighbour Dave Bathe who plays guitar for the local band Custom Blend. And if you consider old car restoration as an art form, then Gelertian Marvin Star is your man.

I guess I have to throw myself into the Gelertian art mix too. And while I've probably missed some people, for such a tiny hamlet and ghost town, Gelert must surely have one of the highest artist ratios of any community in Canada. There must be something in the water.

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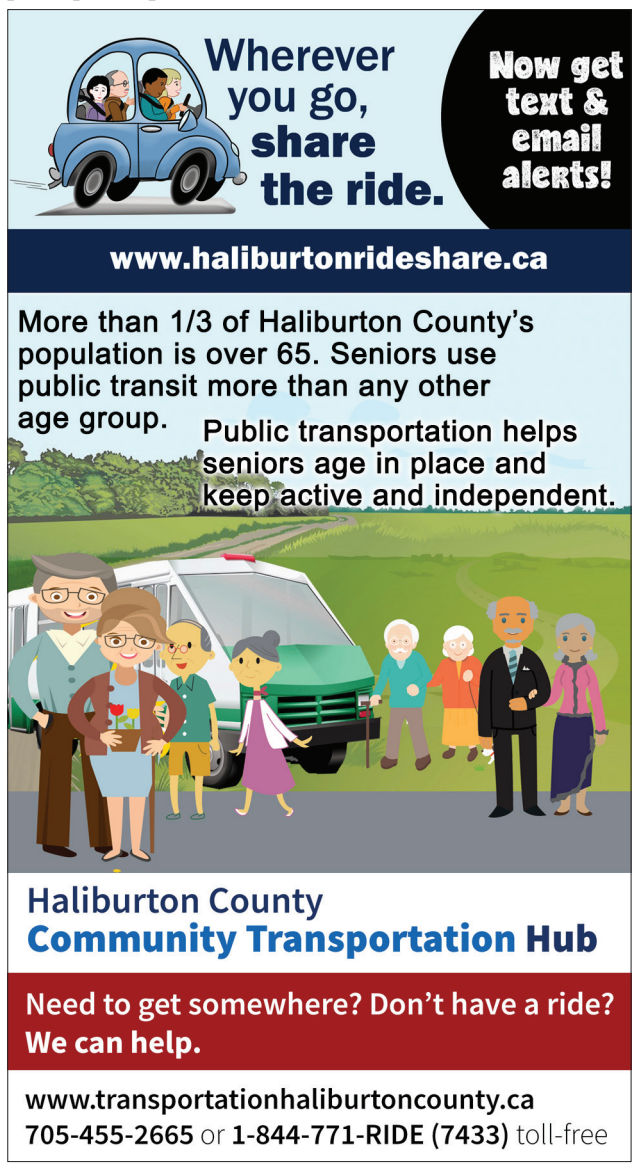
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YWCA calls on artists to help fundraise for safe space

NATE SMELLE
County Life Staff

In response to the closure of the Haliburton Emergency Rural SafeSpace (HERS) in 2016, the Peterborough/Haliburton YWCA has been seeking new funding opportunities to prevent any further loss of services for those in need of their support. YWCA director of philanthropy and communications Jennifer Cureton said the shutdown was the first of its kind for the organization, indicating that it was the result of inadequate funding to meet a steadily climbing demand throughout the county. Explaining that they only had enough funds available to keep the doors open for 50 per cent of the year, she said the organization is forecasting another shortfall in funding of $133,000 for this year.

"Basically, what happened was that we exhausted our funds that are available, and we had no choice but to close," said Cureton.

"It did affect women and children and that's why we never ever want to do it again. We had to find any women or children who needed our Halliburton Emergency Rural SafeSpace at that time a safe space in a different area. We want people to stay in their community, because they have jobs and their kids have school; and they have a support network."

According to Cureton, statistics show that 50 per cent of all women over the age of 16 will experience violence in their lifetime. Noting that last year HERS provided assistance to 124 women, responded to 1,200 plus crisis calls and offered 670 outreach counsel sessions, she said they are doing everything possible to avoid another shut down. To help ensure that such a closure does not occur again, the HERS fundraising committee has come up with a campaign that is calling on local artists and members of the business community to contribute to its 2019 HERS fundraiser calendar. HERS fundraising committee member Bonnie Roe said they are approaching retailers throughout Haliburton County seeking opportunities to sell the calendars in stores. They also intend to make copies available at various community events. The initiative is completely local, Roe said, stating that every single dollar raised from the calendar will stay in Haliburton.

"This type of cause really resonates with people," said Roe.

"I think it's because everyone knows someone who has gone through it, an abusive relationship or may have a friend or relative or even people themselves that needed the support that HERS offers."

Roe said the response from local artists and the business community has been incredible. In the first four days, she said they had already been contacted by more than a dozen artists and local business owners pledging their support in one way or another. Roe credits social media in helping to raise awareness of their fundraising campaign so quickly. If the committee receives an overabundance of work in donations, she said they will come up with a creative way to continue fundraising.

"YWCA HERS is blown away by the immediate responses and the positive support for our 2019 HERS calendar from local and visiting artists," Roe said.

"Their artwork donations will provide HERS the opportunity to raise up to a total of $40,000 if we sell all 1,000 calendars. We are so grateful for this outpouring of community support."

According to Roe, the calendar will feature art created by local artists that reflects the beauty and diversity of Haliburton County. Expecting the calendar to be ready for release in June, she said the calendars will cost $40 each. Those who purchase a calendar will also be entered into a monthly draw which gives them the chance to win a prize valued between $100 and $2,500. Each month, Roe said there will be at least two prizes given out.

"Purchasing the HERS fundraiser calendar showcases the talent of our local artists and provides a unique and inspirational calendar that can be enjoyed in our home, business or cottage," said Roe.

"It continues to raise crucial funds for HERS and promotes awareness about the invaluable services they provide. It sends a very powerful message. By purchasing the HERS calendar, we as a community are taking a collective stand to support women and children fleeing abusive relationships to enable them to live in dignity, in a transitional safe space."

Roe encourages artists wishing to support the initiative to submit a digital photograph of their work before the March 9 deadline to bonnieroe08@gmail.com. She said all photos need to be submitted in the highest resolution and in the original size photo file. Once the deadline comes to pass, she said the committee will select 12 works of art to be featured in the calendar as well as another piece for the cover.

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Early settlers likely welcomed the spring even more than we do. One of the annual traditions then – and now – was making maple syrup. /Photo submitted by Haliburton Highlands Museum.

A taste of spring

KATE BUTLER
Special to *County Life*

Well, I don't know about you, but I was rather hoping that Wiarton Willie would tell us that we were getting an early spring this year. Perhaps the Haliburton groundhogs gave a different forecast and we just didn't hear!

Regardless of how you feel about winter, there can be no doubt that this time of year has its own magical appeal here in the Highlands, particularly when the sunshine is glinting off the snow. At the museum, we're always excited to see Glebe Park full of skiers and snowshoers, particularly those who are trying out these winter pursuits for the first time.

Of course, for the early European settlers to the area, winter was a very different sort of time, one of different priorities as many men made their way into the woods for several months' work in the lumber camps.

For those left behind on the farms, it was, in some ways, a time of respite, as the flurry of activity required to keep local agriculture going in the warmer months wasn't required. With the drawing in of the long dark nights, it became a time for indoor work by candlelight, or perhaps oil lamp, and a time for socializing and the sharing of the stories. Travel became by turns easier and more daunting. Frozen lakes opened up shortcuts and the snow smoothed out the ruts in our early roads, but those early carts and buggies certainly didn't come with GPS and heated seats!

Early settlers, just like us, must have been grateful to see the first signs of spring appear on the landscape and one of those signs would have been what has been a Haliburton Museum tradition for many years now – maple syrup making!

Though I'm not an expert syrup maker yet, I'm learning more every year, just as our early settlers would have. It's the combination of the relatively warm days (above zero!) and the cold nights which creates the magic of the maple sap flowing. Personally, I think that, even more than temperature, it's sunshine that makes the difference – it gets us moving and energized and does the same for our maple trees!

Recipes and foodstuffs can be a great tangible way to connect with our history, but some scholars and historians would argue that it's challenging to duplicate recipes from our past exactly because the ingredients themselves have changed and some previously popular ingredients just simply no longer appear on our shelves. I think that making maple syrup as the early settlers would have is one of the closet items with regard to food that we can duplicate from the past – especially as our sap kettle is over 115 years old!

Many people prefer the smoky taste that the syrup takes on from being boiled over an open fire…and some aren't sure about it, but they do come back for another sample! Mark your calendar for Maple Fest March 10 to 18 and taste some history at the Haliburton Highlands Museum!

Kate Butler is director of the Haliburton Highlands Museum.

Top 10 things not to do on Family Day

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

NOW THAT WE'VE had a few Family Days under our belts, I think that it's time that re-evaluate what works and what doesn't. Here are 10 of the latter.

1. Dad's Honeymoon Stories!
2. Introduce "your other family."
3. Suddenly announce, you're about to put the "fam" in family.
4. Bare-knuckled boxing with the old man. Winner gets $10!
5. Say "I brought you into this world, I can take you out."
6. Look at the kids and mutter, "Accidents happen."
7. Tell the kids to call you by your real first name, Dinsmoor.
8. Don't get their names wrong for once.
9. Promise you are going to be a better Facebook friend.
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Cash for Care gets started

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Winter bluegrass festival Feb. 23 and 24

The Bluegrass in the Highlands Winter Festival is coming up this weekend – Feb. 23 and 24 – at Pinestone Resort in Haliburton.

This is the second year for the winter bluegrass weekend, an event conceived of by fans of the music and held during a time when there are fewer events planned in Haliburton County.

The music starts on Friday evening, Feb. 23, with a program designed to bring out the local population for a night of bluegrass, country and Celtic tunes.

Cost to attend Friday is $35.

On Saturday, the schedule features "pure bluegrass" all day with music performed by Concession 23, Maple Hill, Sweetgrass, Hard Ryde, Switchback and Old Tradition.

To buy tickets, contact Lynda Weir at 705-447-2348 or email bluegrassinthehighlands@gmail.com.

Tickets are also available at Pinestone and Canoe FM or at the door.

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Rates from other lenders will vary. Representative finance example based on a new 2018 GMC Sierra 1500 Double Cab Elevation Edition. Suggested retail price is $47,750. $0 down payment or equivalent trade-in required. $47,750 financed at 0% nominal rate equals $628 per month for 72 months. Total Value consists of $3,050 manufacturer-to-dealer (tax exclusive) New Year Lease Bonus, $2,100 manufacturer-to-dealer Finance Cash (tax exclusive and $1,000 manufacturer-to-consumer GM Card Application Bonus (offer applies to individuals who apply for a Scotiabank GM Visa Card [GM Card] or current GM Card cardholders) (tax inclusive). Cost of borrowing is $0 for a total obligation of $40,851. Taxes, $1,700 freight and PDI, $100 air conditioning charge (where applicable), PPSA, license, insurance, registration and applicable fees, levies and duties (all of which may vary by region and dealer) are extra. Dealers are free to set individual prices. 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Algonquin woman to share untold history of Algonquin Park

NATE SMELLE

County Life Staff

Even though each year millions of tourists from around the world visit Algonquin Park, few of these individuals return home from their travels with any more than a fragmented view of the park's rich cultural history.

On Wednesday, March 14, people wanting to attain a deeper understanding of the park's diverse heritage, will have the chance to do so thanks to Christine Luckasavitch – a Madaoueskarini Omaamiwininii Anishinaabekwe, an Algonquin woman whose traditional territory is that of the headwaters of the Madawaska River. As part of Yours Outdoors' Telling Our Stories Speaker Series, her presentation, Dibaajimowinan: A History of Algonquin Park, will explore the living history of the Madaoueskarini Algonquin people; the arrival of European explorers such as David Thompson; chronicle the park's value as a timber resource and the infamous J. R. Booth; the arrival of great artists and adventurers; and the recent histories of Algonquin Park.

As a non-status Algonquin Anishinaabekwe from Whitney, an archaeologist, explorer, historian, researcher and owner of Waaseyaa Consulting (an Indigenous culture and heritage consulting company), Luckasavitch has acquired a vast amount of knowledge regarding the Madaoueskarini Algonquin people's traditional territory and way of life, which she is eager to share. Acknowledging how sacred a place Algonquin Park is to so many, she believes people will appreciate it more if they have a fuller understanding of its cultural history.

"Having the unique ability to tell the story – one that has remained virtually untold – is something that is significant," said Luckasavitch.

"It is an important opportunity to re-create the history of this part of the world, one that doesn't conveniently omit factual information that might not be as pretty to speak about."

Throughout her life, Luckasavitch said she has had the privilege of learning about her heritage and the history of Algonquin Park first-hand by living in the area, and from listening to and spending time with her family, elders and the community. These experiences have taught her that there is no such thing as racial hierarchy, and that regardless of race, culture or spiritual denomination, people must learn to treat each other with patience and with a good heart. They have also revealed to her the strength and resilience of the Algonquin community.

"Though we have endured many, many years of cultural suppression, our community and familial ties are strong," she said.

"We come together as a large, extended family, whether to celebrate, to grieve, or simply spend time together. There is knowledge that has always been held within this community."

Currently writing her first book, *Ondjitigweyaa Madaoueskarini Omamiiwiinini Anishinaabe* (*Algonquin People of the Madawaska River Headwaters*), Luckasavitch said the fact that her family's story is just one of many, is a testament to the wealth of local history that exists within the Algonquin community. Pointing out that it was once illegal for Indigenous people to publish in Canada, she considers the sharing of Indigenous stories and history by Indigenous people to be an important act of reconciliation. Though in recent years there has been a lot of talk about reconciliation by all levels of government in Canada, she said it is time to see those words transform into meaningful actions which develop relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

"Reconciliation is such a complex topic, especially in the most current context," Luckasavitch said.

"Offering knowledge through sharing of elements of who we are as people – whether through stories or artwork, etc. – is so important as it breaks down cultural barriers. It is my hope that together we can rid our communities of the 'us versus them' stereotypes by developing meaningful appreciation of cultures different to our own."

Luckasavitch said the purpose of her presentation is to achieve a complete and participatory experience that provides people with new knowledge and experiences, that encourages the coming together of different and unique cultures. Dibaajimowinan: A History of Algonquin Park will take place at the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association Fish Hatchery at 6712 Gelert Rd. Haliburton on Wednesday, March 14 from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Admission is $15 per person with portion of the proceeds going to a conservation organization within the Haliburton area. To register, or for more information contact 705-754-3436; or by email at barrie@yoursoutdoors.ca.

Christine Luckasavitch will be speaking in Haliburton on the cultural history of Algonquin Park.

CALL TO HALIBURTON COUNTY ARTISTS

Your support is needed for an important fundraiser for YWCA Peterborough Haliburton.

A group of local citizens has formed a committee to create a **2019 HERS Calendar**, raising funds for HERS and promoting awareness about local YWCA services for women and children fleeing abuse.

We are seeking local artists whose work reflects the beauty and diversity of Haliburton County and who would like their art to be featured in our calendar.

A total of 1,000 copies will be sold at various locations throughout the County and at community events beginning in June 2018.

YWCA Peterborough Haliburton

In Haliburton County, YWCA operates HERS (Haliburton Emergency Rural SafeSpace) the County's only safe space for abused women and children, provides outreach support at safe locations throughout the County, teaches youth about healthy relationships through GirlSpace programs and provides education awards to survivors of abuse who are seeking to better their lives through higher education.

If you would like to donate your art work as one of our 12 monthly images, or as a draw prize item, we would be delighted. Please let us know of your interest by Friday March 9, 2018.

Your generous support makes a powerful statement that resonates throughout the County. **We can't protect women and their children from violence and abuse without you!** Every dollar donated in Haliburton stays in Haliburton County.

We will be in touch soon after we receive your request to discuss our proposal. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 705-286-2414 or bonnieroe08@gmail.com.

YWCA is aware of this fundraising event. Should you wish to speak with the YWCA directly, please contact Tina MacFarlane at 705-743-3526 ext 123 or tmacfarlane@ywcapeterborough.org.

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UPCOMING Community Events

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Upcoming Events

Maker Hub days with Community of Making Animator

When: Feb. 22, March 1, March 22, 10:30 am to 4:30 pm
Where: Dysart Branch Maker Hub, Centre for Making at HSAD, Sticks & Stones Production and Canoe FM by call N. Marziali at the Dysart Branch Library at 705-457-2241.
HCPL is offering guidance and tools to begin that project you have in mind.
Introduction to the Maker Space tools. Noelia begins the day at the Centre for Making at HSAD but we can arrange to meet wherever required.

Bluegrass in the Highlands Winter Festival

When: Feb. 23 and 24
Where: Pinestone Resort
Tickets: Weekend Pass $75; Friday $35; All Day Saturday $45; Saturday Night $30
Highlands Trio (country & "down east" tunes) & Celtic Jam will be performing Friday Night along with bluegrass bands Concession 23, Maple Hill, Sweetgrass, & Switchback Road. Saturday Program is "Pure Bluegrass" with Concession 23, Maple Hill, Hard Ryde Sweetgrass, Switchback Road and Old Tradition.
TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR.
Contact: Lynda at 705-447-2348 or email bluegrassinthehighlands@gmail.com

TLDSB Parent Forums

When: Feb. 28, from 10 to 11 a.m. or 4 to 5 p.m. at the high school.
All parents/guardians with students attending schools in Trillium Lakelands District School Board are invited to attend open forum discussions with Director of Education, Larry Hope. Your feedback can help determine next steps in planning for the 2018-2019 school year.
2018 Parents are asked to complete a quick registration form at http://bit.ly/parentforums

Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, Feb. 28, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Discovery Days

Reptile Road Show
When: Saturday, Mar. 17, 10 a.m. to noon
Where: Haliburton Fish Hatchery
The knowledgeable folks from Scales Nature Park will bring a variety of snakes and turtles for us to see, touch and learn about. It's a chance to get up close and personal with some amazing reptiles. The show starts right at 10:00am. Tickets must be purchased online at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca under the Events tab, or at our office, call 705-457-3700. Funded in part by TD Friends of the Environment.
Admission $15 adult, $10 child 12 and under, family pass $30.

Legion Events

Branch 636, Minden

Monday – Thursday Lunch 12 to 2 p.m.
Tuesday Special liver day, regular menu also.
Friday 12 to 2 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m., Fish, Chicken Wings, Fries and Onion Rings.
Daily events:
Monday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Haliburton Highlands Rug Hookers. (every two weeks)
Tuesday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Senior art group. 1:00-4:00, Bid Euchre,
Wednesday 12:00- Meat Draws, 4 butcher quality meats for $1.00 a ticket. 1 to 4 p.m., Ladies Darts, 5 to 7 p.m. Calorie Counters.
Thursday 7 p.m. Darts. 7 p.m. Euchre
Friday Every second week, Karaoke with Fred and Linda, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.
Saturday Special Lunch every week with meat Draw at 1 p.m.
Sunday Sports Day 12 to 4:30 p.m.
Karaoke March 2 at 7:30, Gord Kidd March 3 from 2 to 5, food available, admission by donation. Monthly Sunday Euchre March 4 at 12.

Branch 624, Wilberforce

Thursday Youth League 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Friday Pool 1:30 p.m. Everyone welcome
Wing night 6:30 - 9 p.m.
Jam session 7:30 p.m.
Saturday Meat draw 2 p.m. - Early bird 3 p.m. sharp
Monday Bid Euchre 7 p.m. Beginners welcome
Wednesday Fun Darts 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome
We would like to look into getting a grant to rebuild the kitchen. Need people who would like to be a part of the process. Please contact the legion if interested. 705-448-2221.
Travelling this winter get your travel insurance through your membership.

Branch 129, Haliburton

Dave Allen, PRO 705-457-2571
Mondays: Bridge every Monday at 1p.m.
Tuesdays: Tuesday Night Dart League starting at 7p.m.
Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start
Bingo Doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. - $500 Jackpot, $1000 Jackpot - last Wednesday of the month.
Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: Cribbage 1 p.m. start,
Meat Draw Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw - 6:30 p.m.
Tickets are $2 per draw.
Chester Howse, MC
Friday fun darts - 4:30 p.m. onwards
Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 p.m. draw, Tickets are $1 each from noon onwards
Sundays: Breakfast Second and fourth Sunday of themonth–9:30a.m.–1p.m.$6perperson.Occasional volunteers are needed.
Live entertainment featuring Gord Kidd & Friends Saturday Mar. 10 4 to 7 p.m. in the Club Room. Enjoy a delicious meal for only $6 prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary. $5 cover charge for non members.
Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at **(705) 457- 2571**, email **rcl129@bellnet.ca** or visit **haliburtonlegion.com** Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129, everyone is welcome!

Recurring Events

Beat the mid-winter blues - join us for Coffee & Colouring

When: 1st & 3rd Tuesday of Every Month at 10 a.m. Beginning Jan. 16
Where: Haliburton County Public Library, Dysart Branch, Roberts Room 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Community Support Services is offering a lovely little program entitled Coffee and Colouring. Free for Seniors and adults with disabilities, come join us next week at the Dysart Branch of the Haliburton County Library. Spread the word and join us for what is proven to be an hour of bliss in a busy world!

HHOA Archery Clubs Winter Program

When: Every Tuesday night in Jan/Feb from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Where: upstairs at the LaRue Arena Haliburton
Details: All equipment and NASP certified instruction, FREE to four- to 18-year-olds, and adults $35 HHOA membership for the year. Contact: HHOA Archery Clubs: Lady Archers of Ontario: Toni Cooper 705-934-1566 and A.I.M. Archery: Steve Ruttan 905-457-9664 or Rusty 705-464-1719
Websites: HHOA.on.ca

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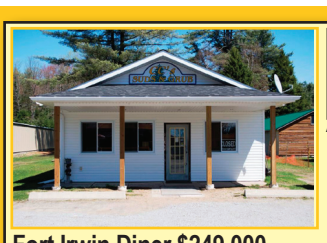
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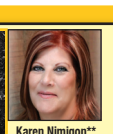

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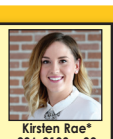

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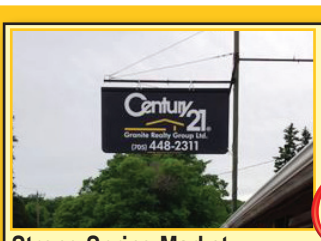

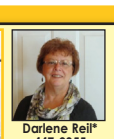

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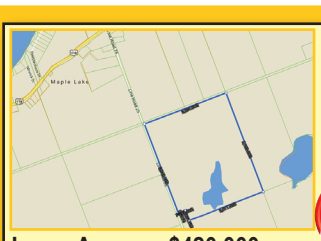

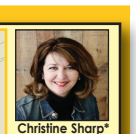

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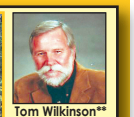

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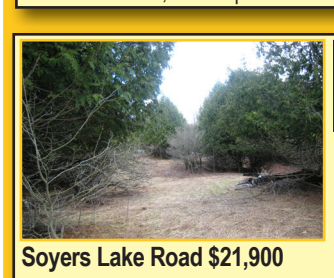

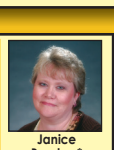

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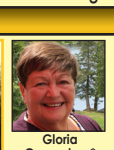

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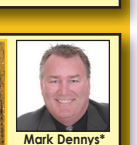

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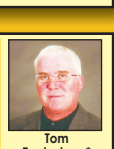

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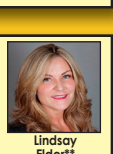

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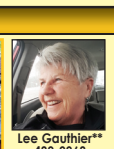

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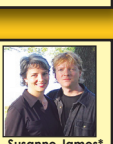

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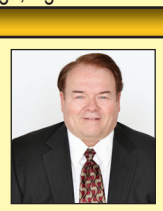

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Haliburton BIA honours business

The following awards were given out at the BIA AGM on Feb. 15 at Dysart council chambers.

The Beauty of Spring Window Decorating

1st Place – Hankook E Korean Cuisine – accepting the award is Kathryn Kidd

2nd Place – Floyd Hall Insurance – accepting the award is Lori DaRosa

3rd Place – Castle Antiques – accepting the award is Amanda Manary

Canada Day Window Decorating

1st place – Dawson Gray Accounting – Kori Consack

2nd place – Kosy Korner accepting the award on their behalf Nancy Wood-Roberts

3rd Place – Walker's Home Hardware - Jerry and Dale Walker

Paint the Town Red Window Decorating

1st Place – Pet Valu – Dale Orlick

2nd place – Country Pickins - accepting the award on their behalf David Zilstra

3rd place – JoAnne Sharpley Source for Sports – accepting the award on their behalf Renzo Rosati

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1st Paint the Town Red decorating – Pet Valu – Dale Orlick

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Hardwater FESTIVAL *a celebration of ice*

Ice safety starts with awareness

JENN WATT
County Life Editor

Staying safe on the ice begins with being informed about the conditions of local lakes and waterways, says ice safety instructor Robert Evis.

For sledders, the best practice is to check in with the local snowmobile association to find out what lakes and trails are safe and to stick to the trails.

"The local snow machine clubs aren't going to be putting it's safe to travel signs … if the lakes aren't safe yet. If people stuck to the established trails we probably wouldn't have a lot of issues," said Evis, who is a director at Wilderness Safety Systems based in Muskoka.

"The clubs are really responsible; they go out and test the trails and maintain them and mark them," he said.

Lack of knowledge about local conditions can lead to dangerous situations. In a seven-day period, 12 people broke through the ice of Haliburton County lakes with the latest instance requiring an early morning rescue by local emergency services.

Evis is a wilderness rescue instructor as well as a paramedic, who recently led instruction in ice safety at the Hardwater Festival in West Guilford.

Aside from knowing your environment and checking in with the appropriate authorities before going on a lake, he also recommended additional safety measures.

"Even people on snow machines or going out and crossing a lake should be wearing something that floats like a floater coat or a floater suit," he said.

"Most of the Ski-doo wear you buy these days or snow machine wear or ice fishing suit, it's a floater suit. If you plan on travelling on the ice making sure people know where you're going and when you're supposed to be back. Bring an emergency communication device with you."

He also recommended ice picks that can be worn over the shoulders as well as a throw rope, which is a bag of floating rope that can be used to pull someone out.

For those intending on taking a longer trip out on the ice, Evis said you can pack a dry bag with a sleeping bag in it, something to start a fire, a change of clothes and food.

Evis's company offers training on ice rescue tailored to the needs specific organizations.

As climate change progresses, he expects that there will be an increased need for ice safety awareness.

"With changing climatic conditions, the rises and drops in temperature we're getting, we get really unstable ice conditions in a lot of places especially where there's any kind of current or spots where you're fairly near shore or anywhere the lake or whatever body of water that you're travelling on might be shallow underneath the ice. They have a tendency to create really, really weak ice structures. That's what we're seeing," he said.

He suggested that municipalities could begin advising the general public on areas which lakes are safe to use.

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Nine member body will work for improvement in economy

New economic commission formed

The final three members of a nine member economic development commission that will work to improve the county's economy were named last week, two months after the idea of reviving a commission was endorsed by Haliburton County council.

Included on the committee are county councillors Murray Fearrey, Sinc Nesbitt and Malcolm MacGillivray, Chamber of Commerce president John Hogg, vice president Jim McLean and business development committee chairman Barbara Bolin, along with Glen Hodgson, Bill Valentine and Chester Schwandt.

Chamber of Commerce manager Bob Stinson will serve as a non-voting member of the commission.

Until 1976, there was a three man economic development commission in the county, which included the Chamber of Commerce manager as a voting member. But county council separated the commission from the Chamber when present manager Bob Stinson was hired, and since then the commission has not played an active role in the county.

But at this year's inaugural meeting, council stressed the need for economic improvement in the county, and the idea of a nine member commission was born.

Six members were named to the commission, three from council and three from the Chamber, while other municipalities in the county were asked to submit names of persons qualified to serve on the body.

At a meeting last week, the six members reviewed the nominations, and voted to arrive at the final three members to complete the nine member slate.

Chamber manager Bob Stinson said Tuesday that the commission will look at ways of improving the economic position of the county.

"The Chamber feels it's important to remember that this is an economic development commission, not an industrial development commission," he said.

"We're looking for anything that will help the

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Minden recreation committee wants input into council recreation decisions

The Minden recreation committee wants to be notified before council makes any decision on the hiring, firing and transfer of employees from the arena.

At the committee's first meeting last Wednesday, a resolution was passed to petition Anson, Hindon and Minden council to advise the committee "of any employee transfers which may be proposed from time to time by the municipal council."

As well, the petition asks council to ensure that the committee is invited to any meetings where matters relating to the recreation centre are discussed.

Employees of the recreation centre ultimately come under the jurisdiction of council, which has final say over hiring, firing and transfers.

The committee feels however, that it must have input into the decision making process, "to permit the committee to properly manage a productive recreation program" according to minutes of the meeting.

In other matters at the meeting, Norm Harrison was appointed chairman of the committee for 1979, with Lyle McKnight appointed vice-chairman.

Other members of the committee are Faye Mansfield, Wm. Everson, Ken Bannon, Stuart Brandon and Elinor Burke.

Liaison members who attended the first meeting included Warren Payne from the Minden Kinsmen, Ed Pergolas from Minden Rotary and Helen Burk representing ladies' softball.

The committee accepted the contract from Arena Refridgeration Ltd., for 1979 at an annual rate of $475.20 less 10 percent in accordance with the company's quotation of December 13, 1978.

The committee also agreed to rent 150 pairs of roller skates from Dominion Roller Skating Company from June 1 through August 31 at a rental fee of $3.25 per pair per

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Bob Nichol, coordinator of the LKTA Atom Tournament that took place last weekend, presents the trophy to the tournament's most valuable player, Darril McKinley of Newmarket at the conclusion of the tournament Sunday.

Toque-Pic Talk

by Toque-Pic

For the past few weeks you have been hearing a great deal from me about the 11th annual Haliburton Rotary Winter Carnival which is coming up this weekend. I don't know about you, but I can hardly wait for the big moment to arrive.

In my Toquepic Talk columns, I have tried to keep you up to date on what you can expect to do and see when you come to the carnival. It has been impossible, during the few weeks that I have had the opportunity to talk to you through this column to cover ever aspect of this great winter event, but as this will be my final column for this year, I want to remind you that the remainder of the information I was unable to supply you with can all be found in the special Haliburton Rotary Winter Carnival supplement which you will find included in this week's paper.

Welcome to the Haliburton Rotary Winter Carnival

There are a few notes left on my desk that I would like to forward on to you and one is that riders are still needed for the torchlight parade. If you're interested in riding in the torchlight parade please phone Joe Iles at 457-2100. If you are interested in putting an entry in the bed races, please see David Bishop. Please note in the program, the times of the Haliburton Guild of Fine Arts Sale and Show at the Lakeview Centre. You won't want to miss this. We ask you to participate and support the two big days of races on Saturday and Sunday sponsored by the Kinsmen Club of Haliburton. And oh yes, don't forget to make sure that you have an entry in the parade which will be held on Saturday afternoon.

There is one thing you can count on and that is the fact that you will be seeing me in the parade, and at some of the dances, on the street and I imagine in many of the store windows around town. I will certainly be a busy chap for three days.

During the ten years that the winter carnival has been held, I am only too pleased to say that I have been part of it and you have seen more of me than probably anyone else in the area.

The only regret I have is that when the carnival ends on Sunday afternoon and the final closing ceremonies are held at the Public Dock, I will have to leave you until the next winter carnival in 1980. If I still have enough energy left I am going to try to put on my skates and join in the free public skating at the arena which is being sponsored by the Kinsmen Club of Haliburton from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday.

This will be a weekend when we renew old acquaintances and make new friends. It will also be a time when our families return home for a family re-union. As far as a weather forecast is concerned, all we can promise is lots of snow and hope that it will warm up so that everyone can enjoy the weekend in comfort.

I want you all to know that I have enjoyed talking to you each week in this newspaper, but now I have to say goodbye with all my chatter until next year.

Before I put my typewriter away, may I say that I will be looking forward to seeing you at the winter carnival this weekend. Participate and enjoy yourselves.

Closed workshop called by Ministry officials

Tourist operators see county wide problems

The state of tourism in Haliburton County was the subject of a workshop held at Haliburton Legion last Thursday.

The meeting, which was closed to the press and general public, was called by staff members of the Ministry of Treasury, Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs who are preparing a county wide economic development study at the request of county council.

Approximately 20 people attended the workshop, including six members of the newly formed economic development commission, selected tourist operators, Chamber manager Bob Stinson, representatives of the cross country ski club, the snowmobile association, and Sir Sandford Fleming College.

The meeting was by invitation only and closed to the press in order to promote a free exchange of ideas, according to a Ministry official.

Mary MacDonald, one of three Ministry representatives working on the study, said the meeting was intended to get "a perspective on the industry from the people who are involved in it".

The Ministry officials had previously talked to tourist operators on an individual basis before calling them together at the workshop.

In an interview Tuesday, Chamber of Commerce manager Bob Stinson identified areas of discussion that arose at the meeting.

The concensus among many of those present at the workshop was that more money should be spent at the county level to promote the county in general, Stinson said. Most felt that the Chamber could spend more to promote the county as a whole "but there were few concrete ideas as to how to put together funds for that," he said.

"Packaging" tourist vacations in an all inclusive form was also discussed, though one operator pointed out that some people in the tourist industry in other areas have spent a good deal of money on packaging efforts with few results.

There were also complaints about the fact that government facilities such as provincial parks and information centres are usually closed for the winter, and some operators felt there is a need for a government tourist information centre that would serve the area in the same manner that the centre in Barrie serves Huronia and Muskoka.

The lack of essential services such as restaurants and gas stations that remain open in the evening was also lamented by some tourist operators, as it has been year after year. One suggestion was that the Chamber of Commerce should compile a complete list of businesses and their hours which would be made available to tourists.

Publicity of local attractions and events was also felt by most at the meeting to need improvement.

Such things as the corduroy enduro, the upcoming ski tour at Woodland Ranch, and spring sugaring off activities were cited as examples of activities that receive inadequate publicity.

More local awareness of county facilities is also needed, most of those at the meeting felt. The canoe Museum at Camp Kandalore and the Leslie Frost Natural Resources Centre were mentioned in this connection, since few tourists, tourist operators and local residents were thought to be aware of activities and attractions at both places.

The possibility of a county wide winter carnival also received brief discussion, although the long standing "us" and "them" attitude between Minden and Haliburton makes the possibility seem remote for the near future.

It was also felt that low interest loans from the provincial government should be made available to tourist operators who want to expand and improve their facilities. While the government has in the past made such loans available, they have not been available recently.

It was felt that the county could not capitalize on the current boom in domestic tourism without such loans for new and better facilities.

Ms. MacDonald said Monday that the ideas will be used in the formulation of the first stage of the Minstry's report, which is expected to outline the present economic situation in the county and make recommendations for actions that would improve the economy.

Though no firm completion date for the study has been announced, it is expected to be ready for presentation to county council within the next two months.

Echo story wins premier award

The Haliburton County Echo has won a premier award in the annual Ontario Weekly Newspaper competitions.

The award is for the best story on an agricultural subject published in a weekly newspaper in Ontario in 1978.

The story, written by Echo managing editor Len Pizzey, was headlined "Raising bee erected Emmerson barn", and appeared in the May 17, 1978 issue of the Echo. It detailed the history of a barn on the Old Donald Road which was destroyed early in May in a fire set by vandals.

The award will be presented March 2 in Toronto at the Ontario Weekly Newspaper Convention.

This happy group of Haliburton Highlands Senior Elementary were hard at work last week forming snow into an ice sculpture with the help of buckets of water. The sculptures will be judged Friday afternoon, the first day of the three day Haliburton Rotary Winter Carnival.

Glamorgan seniors to build township fire hall addition

The Township of Glamorgan's senior citizens club has received township approval to put an addition on the municipal fire hall.

The addition, to be built by club members, will be used to house a workshop for woodworking equipment the club plans to buy with a federal New Horizons grant.

Formed in November, the club has been using the fire hall for its weekly meetings.

Council's approval in principle of the proposed addition came on condition that plans for the structure are submitted to council before any work is undertaken.

Also approved at the council's last regular meeting were the terms of reference for a community centre feasibility study.

The study is expected to determine if there is a need for the centre which would be built in the new park in Gooderham. Included in the study will be soil testing and hydrological testing at the proposed site, as well as information on financing, operating costs, and programs that could be offered in a community centre.

Quotations for the study were requested from Totten, Sims, Hubicki Associates, Ltd., Greer, Galloway Assoc-

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